

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 13, and 14 are pending in this application.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the telephone interview of September 24, 2008, where alleged inconsistencies in the definition of ligand X were discussed.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 3 have been amended to delete the moiety OR'O from the definition of ligand X. Claim 1 has also been amended to delete the term "saturated or unsaturated," from the definition of R, R², R³ and R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶, and R⁹. Entry and consideration of this amendment by the Examiner earnestly is requested, inasmuch as it does not introduce new matter.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because the Examiner has contended that the term "saturated or unsaturated" is superfluous. Appropriate correction has been made. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Objection respectfully is requested.

Claim Rejections

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

A. Response to rejection of claims 1-3, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-3, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, Applicants have deleted the moiety OR'O from the definition of the ligand X. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Rejection respectfully is requested. Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have questions or comments regarding this application or this Amendment, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss the case with the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge U.S. PTO Deposit Account 08-2336 in the amount of any fee required for consideration of this Amendment.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2008.

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